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EDUCATION:

The Chef's Academy, Indianapolis IN
Associate of Applied Science in Culinary Arts (Summa Cum Laude) May 2008

University of Massachusetts, Boston
Bachelors Degree in Fine Art (Magna Cum Laude) May 1986

CULINARY EXPERIENCE:

Personal Chef April 2009 - November 2010
Private Residence, Los Angeles, New York & Indianapolis
Frequent travel with family to various residences.
Daily menu planning including large dinners and VIP parties.
Prepare & serve meals, perform all grocery shopping, kitchen equipment maintenance & extensive inventories of household china, glassware & flatware.
Researched and developed menus to meet client's dietary needs and health issues.
Inventoried & ordered supplies for private yacht while serving as yacht chef.

Line Cook/Prep Cook May 2008 - April 2009
Nordstrom Cafe Bistro, Indianapolis, IN
Opened new restaurant.
Learned and rotated through all stations on the line.
Emphasis on baking as prep cook.

Chef/Owner 2005 - Present
Asta Design Event Catering, Indianapolis, IN
Founder of catering company specializing in local and organic fare.
Emphasis on small to midsize events with attention to detail and creative presentation.
Built client list to include Herron School of Art, Indiana University/Purdue University, Harrison Center for the Arts, Indianapolis Fashion Collective and numerous private individuals.

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE:

Prop Master 2003 - 2008
Indiana Repertory Theater, Indianapolis
Responsible for budgeting, planning, researching and executing props for ten shows per year.
Meet & communicate directly with Set Designer & Director regarding creative vision and execution of design.
Supervise, train & manage fulltime staff of two, numerous freelance personnel and interns.
Interact & communicate with other department heads to coordinate set construction, set dressing, load-in and strike.
Responsible for staff payroll and reconciliation of all accounts for each production.

Art Director, Set Decorator & Prop Stylist 1990 - 2002
Freelance/Self-Employed, New York
Art Director for film & television industry.
Extensive client list includes domestic & international commercials, feature films, music videos & print work.
Responsible for all aspects of production including creative meetings with directors & producers, location scouting, script breakdown, research, shopping, budgeting, supervision of set construction, fabrication, staffing & supervision of freelancers, reconciliation of all accounts.

SHOWS & EXHIBITIONS:

Signs Show, Harrison Center for the Arts, Indianapolis - Photography 2010
ReCouture, Harrison Center for the Arts, Indianapolis- Producer & Fashion Designer 2008
Indianapolis Museum of Art: Breaking the Mode - Fashion Designer 2008
Strange Fruit, Wheeler Center for the Arts, Indianapolis - Fashion Designer 2007
Meet the Artist, Glendale Mall - Youth Photography Instructor 2005
Through the Eyes of Black Youth, Indianapolis ArtsGarden - Youth Photography Instructor 2004